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Pol/Econ Officer conveyed U.S. reservations about the two Nonaligned Movement (NAM) sponsored resolutions regarding Lebanon to MFA International Organizations Officer Joao Moura. He said Portugal agrees that the unbalanced language probably would hinder international efforts to calm tensions between Israel and Lebanon. He reported that the EU Troika held a meeting with the Lebanese on October 24 to urge the latter to withdraw proposed Lebanon-specific UN resolutions. At the meeting the EU representatives stressed that the UN should focus country specific resolutions only on North Korea and Myanmar right now, according to Moura. However, Moura acknowledged that Lebanon is unlikely to stand down in response to the EU's urging. He added that the UN's Human Rights Council was in the process of addressing the concerns raised by the draft resolutions and should be allowed to finish its work.
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